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On the 4th of March the President will descend the stairs from 9:30 to 12 o'clock, to Senators and Members.

The general reception of visitors in the afternoon, from 2 to 3, will be discontinued, and only those who have important business will be allowed interview.

The Saturday receptions of Mrs. Grant have been discontinued for the season.

OUR LATEST ADVICES from New Orleans report that peace now reigns in that city.

AN APPROVALATION for a new building for the Congressional Library did not pass, as stated by some of our correspondents.

WE CONTINUE THIS MORNING to print the fifth of the opinions of the journals of the country upon the second inaugural of the President. The general tone, it will be perceived, is exceedingly favorable. In fact, no document of the kind has been more generally commented for the last thirty years.

WE HAVE RECEIVED the first and second numbers of the *Graphic*, the new illustrated afternoon paper in New York. The typographical appearance of the paper is very fine, and the matter excellent. The first illustration is an illuminated paper, entitled "The Graphic Prologue." The other cuts are "George Washington," Vice President Wilson, which we cannot say are good. "The麾ion of the Second Connecticut Regiment" might as well have been called anything else for all the idea it gives of that interesting event. "Old Guard Off to the Inauguration" is better. "A Lesson in Charity" is really good. The cartoon on the eighth page entitled "The Confederate, or Terrestrial Devil Fish," in which the arms of the Confederacy are labeled with the names of the leading sailors of the country—two or three of them strapping a female figure intended to typify the country—as a well-conceived and suggestive illustration. Altogether the *Graphic* is a valuable addition to our daily journals, and is well worthy of support.

THE CASE OF SENATOR SPENCER.

The claim of Doctor Spiker for a seat in the Senate, from Alabama, is predicated upon the original conspiracy on the part of the Democracy to overthrow the will of the people as expressed at the ballot box at the late election.

The facts have been clearly stated several times before in our columns.

It seems singular that the Republicans should desire the seat of Alabama by a very decided majority, and yet, in their desire to secure all sorts of intimidations and violence, and so on, according to Democratic assertions, nothing has been gained.

Prior to the election, the Democratic press of Alabama demanded that their candidates should be counted in, and the Republicans counter out, "all hell."

The Republican candidates for Governor, State officers, and members of Congress, were elected by overwhelming majorities, were accordingly denied their certificates of election by the Secretary of State, and the opposition candidates admitted. It was a barefaced outrage, and one which the courts have taken cognizance of by indictment and arrest. Accordingly, the Republican members elected, and constituting more than a majority of the whole number of Senators and Representatives, finding themselves the victims of conspiracy and fraud, resolved to organize quietly in the District court-room, and thus avoid a collision which threatened bloodshed and violence.

The retiring Lieutenant Governor, by virtue of his office, is required to open the returns and proclaim the result. Being a Democrat, he chose to perform this ministerial act in the presence of the revolutionary body, a quorum of which was effected by fraudulent certificates of election given by the Democratic secretary of state to defeated Democratic candidates.

The result of the Republican electoral and state trials being unimportant, too large to disregard, the Lieutenant Governor was forced to perform, with a bad grace, the office of declaring Governor Lewis and the other Republican candidates duly elected. Governor Lewis qualified, and his first act upon obtaining possession of the archives and records was to inform the rump Legislature that he had been awarded a seat at the capitol at the expense of the majority of the whole body, notwithstanding the fact that he had been elected by over 50,000 votes.

The Prince of Lichtenstein, wants to give refuge in his principality to the Jesuits and nuns who have fled from France, but the Landtag would not sanction his proposition.

Mrs. Alice C. Cuyler, the favorite niece and principal legatee of the Cuyler sisters, died recently in one of the last surviving members of the family.

Hiram Fuller is again at the barter, which ladies may become familiar with.

Mr. George E. Spencer, of the Alabama club, has been removed to the asylum for treatment.

Mrs. Florence, now at the Convent of St. Agnes, sister, near Paris, has composed a letter to her son, saying for the first time on Christmas eve.

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